

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for extending a database transaction to include at least one user-defined operation that accesses a computer resource by means of ~~an XA~~ a Transaction Protocol describing a two-phase commit application programming interface (API) that operates between a transaction manager and a resource manager for transaction processing distributed over computer systems, said method comprising:
  - registering said user-defined operation with said database, wherein the user-defined operation enables a database operation to be extended with user-customizable features;
  - executing said database transaction;
  - enabling said database to operate as ~~an XA~~ said Transaction Manager by means of said XA Transaction Protocol, wherein said Transaction Manager manages distributed transactions by coordinating decisions about commit or rollback of pending transactions and coordinating failure recovery;
  - accessing ~~[[a]]~~ said resource manager by said database operating as said ~~XA~~ Transaction Manager;
  - invoking said user-defined operation as part of said database transaction;
  - recording with said database that said user-defined operation has been invoked;
  - executing said invoked and recorded user-defined operation while executing said database transaction; and
  - accessing said computer resource by said resource manager, thereby extending said database transaction.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said database transaction is a single-phase transaction.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said database transaction is a two-phase commit transaction.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein executing said database transaction comprises an application program initiating said database transaction.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein executing said database transaction comprises a transaction manager external to said database initiating said database transaction.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said recording is completed with ~~an XA~~ a Transaction Protocol Interface.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said invoking said user-defined operation is completed with a data access module.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said resource manager manages a distributed computer resource.
9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said resource manager manages a local computer resource.
10. (Currently Amended) A computer system for efficiently extending a database transaction to include at least one user-defined operation that accesses a computer resource by means of ~~an XA~~ a Transaction Protocol describing a two-phase commit application programming interface (API) that operates between a transaction manager and a resource manager for transaction processing distributed over computer systems, comprising:
  - said user-defined operation that is registered with said database, wherein the user-defined operation enables a database operation to be extended with user-customizable features;
  - said database transaction that is executed, that wherein said database operates as an XA said Transaction Manager by means of said XA Transaction Protocol, wherein said Transaction Manager manages distributed transactions by coordinating decisions about commit or rollback of pending transactions and coordinating failure recovery, and that invokes said user-defined operation;

[[a]] said resource manager that is accessed by said database operating as said ~~XA~~ Transaction Manager;  
said database that records that said user-defined operation has been invoked; and  
said invoked and recorded user-defined operation that is executed while said database transaction is executed; and  
said computer resource that is accessed by said resource manager while said database transaction is executed, thereby extending said database transaction.

11. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein said database transaction is a single-phase transaction.
12. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein said database transaction is a two-phase commit transaction.
13. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein said database transaction is initiated by an application program.
14. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein said database transaction is initiated by a transaction manager external to said database.
15. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein said database recording is completed with ~~an XA~~ a Transaction Protocol Interface.
16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein said user-defined operation is invoked with a data access module.
17. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein said resource manager manages a distributed computer resource.
18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein said resource manager manages a local computer resource.

19. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer program usable storage medium ~~embodying~~ storing one or more instructions executable by said computer for extending a database transaction to include at least one user-defined operation that accesses a computer resource by means of ~~an XA~~ a Transaction Protocol describing a two-phase commit application programming interface (API) that operates between a transaction manager and a resource manager for transaction processing distributed over computer systems, wherein:

said computer usable instructions register said user-defined operation with said database, wherein the user-defined operation enables a database operation to be extended with user-customizable features;

said computer usable instructions execute said database transaction;

said computer usable instructions enable said database to operate as ~~an XA~~ said Transaction Manager by means of said ~~XA~~ Transaction Protocol, wherein said Transaction Manager manages distributed transactions by coordinating decisions about commit or rollback of pending transactions and coordinating failure recovery;

said computer usable instructions access ~~[[a]]~~ said resource manager by said database;

said computer usable instructions operate as said ~~XA~~ Transaction Manager;

said computer usable instructions invoke said user-defined operation as part of said database transaction;

said computer usable instructions record with said database that said user-defined operation has been invoked;

said computer usable instructions execute said invoked and recorded user-defined operation while executing said database transaction; and

said computer usable instructions access said computer resource by said resource manager, thereby extending said database transaction.

20. (Original) The article of manufacture of Claim 19, wherein said database transaction is a single-phase transaction.

21. (Original) The article of manufacture of Claim 19, wherein said database transaction is a two-phase commit transaction.

22. (Original) The article of manufacture of Claim 19, wherein said computer usable instructions initiate said executing database transaction by an application program.
23. (Original) The article of manufacture of Claim 19, wherein said computer usable instructions initiate said executing database transaction by a transaction manager external to said database.
24. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of Claim 19, wherein said computer usable instructions complete said database recording with ~~an XA~~ a Transaction Protocol Interface.
25. (Original) The article of manufacture of Claim 19, wherein said computer usable instructions invoke said user-defined operation with a data access module.
26. (Original) The article of manufacture of Claim 19, wherein said computer usable instructions manage a distributed computer resource by said resource manager.
27. (Original) The article of manufacture of Claim 19, wherein said computer usable instructions manage a local computer resource by said resource manager.
28. (Cancelled)
29. (Cancelled)
30. (Cancelled)